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Brandon Beach

Max Telbeck of Cub Scout Pack 44 stands poised and ready to fire his arrow at the target. Telbeck, along with some 60 other young scouts, took part in a weeklong camp Aug. 15 to 18 at the Local Training Area on Panzer Kaserne. The week concluded on Friday with an overnight campout for the Webelos and their parents.

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Carelessness with computer data puts lives at risk

Loss of information can compromise mission, safety & identity

By Ed Beemer
Commentary

There are things that people manage not to lose. Super Bowl passes, plane tickets to Tahiti, pictures of loved ones and family heirlooms are good examples of things rarely misplaced. Yet, official government computer assets do not seem to fall into this category.

The headlines and evening news reports are filled with stories of lost computers containing valuable and sensitive data that could compromise the identity and safety of thousands of people.

This is unfortunately true of Army computer equipment as well. There appears to be two main causes for the loss of valuable computer hardware by Army personnel and contractors: carelessness and misplaced entrepreneurial spirit.

Carelessness is a human characteristic. Few of us have not left our wallet, car keys or briefcase somewhere when we were in a hurry or distracted. Usually we can just go back and reclaim them. Sometimes they're lost for good and that leads to a difficult, time-consuming process to recreate those lost items, a lesson that's not likely to be forgotten very soon.

However, the more valuable an object is the more closely one usually guards it. It may come as a surprise that Army computers and memory devices are often lost or stolen due to irresponsibility. Some are even sold illegally by the very people

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What makes it more surprising is that many of these devices contain information that could put Soldiers in danger.

Computers and related equipment are obviously prime targets for thieves. Often they are simply after the equipment itself and are not aware of the value of the data on the hard drive. The growing trend in identity theft and the ease of acquiring removable memory and hard drives through commercial resell services such as eBay is quickly compounding the risks to these devices from casual thieves and dedicated criminals.

Casual thieves simply resell it without regard for the data on the devices. Professional criminals and intelligence organizations pay far more than the physical value of the drives in a gamble to obtain the sensitive data that is retrievable from these devices. It is a financial windfall for both, at your expense.

A few common sense precautions can prevent the loss or theft of equipment and valuable data.

- Ensure that all mobile computing equipment is stored securely as possible when not in your personal possession.
- Use all available protection options for computer and network access.
- Keep computers and memory devices under close watch when in your personal possession, especially when traveling.

Theft of computer equipment is often an opportunistic crime – even a few moments of not paying attention can lead to lost machines, data and careers.

While responsibility for valuable equipment and sensitive data is taken seriously by the vast majority of Army personnel, there are far too many cases of Army computers and memory units found for sale in foreign markets.

Some unscrupulous and opportunistic individuals seem to think that profit from the illegal sale of taxpayer-funded equipment is more important than the potential risk to American Soldiers. These individuals will steal or otherwise misappropriate computer assets regardless of the value of the information, software or network portals they contain.

America was built on entrepreneurial spirit. Yet, all Soldiers, civilian personnel and contractors should realize that the availability of U.S. Army equipment on the open market increases the chances of our enemies obtaining valuable intel on how to get past Army safeguards and gain access to sensitive information.

There are too many threats to Soldiers and their families without giving the enemy extra opportunities for the sake of a few bucks. All Army personnel that are aware of government computer assets being waylaid for foreign marketplaces need to take whatever steps necessary to stop this practice.

It's not a free-market opportunity. It is putting Army lives, perhaps your own, at risk.

Beemer wrote this commentary for the Army Office Information Assurance and Compliance. It originally appeared online on the Army News Web site (www.army.mil/arnews).

CORRECTIONS

The Aug. 15 edition of The Citizen contained incorrect dates for some of the open houses scheduled for Stuttgart-area DoDDS schools. The correct open house information appears in this edition on pages 8 & 9.

The bench press photo that accompanied the Aug. 15 story about the Stuttgart Superstars competition was incorrect. In the photo, Mike James completes the lift, while Brian Broussard spots. Subsequently, Broussard placed second in the event while James placed third.

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Made a difference lately?

Two words = Lifetime of influence

By Chief Master Sgt.
Elizabeth Campeau
Commentary

I was about 15 when the U.S. Navy Band came to town. A few local high school students were invited to "sit-in" for one selection during the concert, and I was one of them. It was a warm spring night and the auditorium was packed.

It was thrilling to share the stage with all those professionals. But best of all, during the applause, the military musician sitting to my left leaned over and said "good job." Though I didn't know it at the time, those two kind words would have a lifelong impact.

Fast forward three decades. Today I serve as the marketing and outreach director for the U.S. Air Force Band.

Recently, I received a note from a young flutist in Michigan who'd listened to one of our recordings. She wrote: "It's (the compact disc) called Imagine the Possibilities and I do." She went on to say that she had just celebrated her 12th birthday and, "When I grow up, I wish to be in the Air Force Band."

I immediately remembered the kindness of that Navy musician all those years ago and quickly dispatched a reply full of encouraging words.

I probably won't be around long enough to find out if this young person will follow her dream to become a member of the U.S. Air Force Band, but I'm sure she'll carry a fondness for the Air Force far into her future.

*Never take for granted
the power of your words and actions,
especially when you are in uniform.*

Studies have shown the earlier a child is exposed to an idea, the more likely they are to carry the influence, positive or negative, with them throughout their lives.

My experience with the Navy musicians is one of my fondest memories. I'm certain it influenced my decision to follow a career in military music.

I have heard the phrase "good job" countless times during my lifetime. Those two words of encouragement, reinforced with the image of a military uniform, are the ones I remember most clearly.

Never take for granted the power of your words and actions, especially when you are in uniform.

Think about the last time you interacted with young people. What message did you send in that snapshot of time? Let's hope it was a positive one. Chances are, the impression you made was an indelible one.

Campeau is the marketing and outreach manager for the U.S. Air Force Band. This commentary originally appeared online on the Air Force Print News Web site (www.af.mil/news).



Jim Grady, right, deputy director of the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Directorate of Public Works, right, briefs USAG Stuttgart Commander Col. Kenneth G. Juergens, center, and Installation Management Agency Principal Deputy Director Philip E. Sakowitz about construction projects on Panzer Kaserne Aug. 15. Sakowitz spent parts of two days touring facilities and meeting with area personnel.

IMA deputy tours Stuttgart

Installation Management Agency's top civilian gets first-hand look at local plans & progress

Story & photo by Hugh C. McBride

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Commander Col. Kenneth G. Juergens hosted the Army's top civilian installation management official for an up-close look at the facilities, programs and personnel that comprise the Stuttgart military community.

Philip E. Sakowitz, the principal deputy director of the U.S. Army's Installation Management Agency, toured Stuttgart and met with area personnel Aug. 15 and 16, part of a weeklong tour of overseas Army installations.

"It was an honor to have Mr. Sakowitz here in Stuttgart," Juergens said, "and it was a tremendous opportunity for us to show him some of the great things [USAG Stuttgart personnel] are doing for our service members and families."

Sakowitz, who was met at the Stuttgart Army Airfield by Juergens and a contingent of USAG Stuttgart personnel, started his time in Stuttgart with a tour of the Galaxy Bowling and Entertainment Center on Panzer Kaserne, followed by a lunch meeting there with representatives from garrison directorates.

Topics Sakowitz discussed during the lunch session included the Army's civilian personnel system, servicewide efforts to incorporate better business practices, and the recent announcement of the formation of the Installation Management Command.

"This visit was a great chance for garrison personnel to hear from the Army's top civilian leader for installation management," Juergens said. "Mr. Sakowitz has played a key role in the Army's effort to transform the way it operates its garrisons."

After the lunch meeting, Sakowitz visited the construction site of the AAFES post exchange shopping complex, also on Panzer, where he was guided through the future site of the premiere on-post retail facility by AAFES' EUCOM Exchange General Manager Lee Muslin.

Sakowitz also visited Kelley Barracks (where he toured the award-winning Kelley Hotel and Kelley Theatre) and Patch Barracks (where he spent time in the recently renovated Patch Fitness Center, and was briefed on the area's childcare programs by representatives from Army Community Services, School Age Services and Child Development Centers.

Sakowitz ended his time in Stuttgart with an Aug. 15 meeting with U.S. European Command Deputy Commander Gen. William E. Ward.

INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT AGENCY PRINCIPAL DEPUTY DIRECTOR PHILIP E. SAKOWITZ

As Principal Deputy Director of the U.S. Army Installation Management Agency, Philip E. Sakowitz, Jr., directs the daily execution of one of the most comprehensive multi-disciplinary organizations in the Army.

His duties involve managing base facilities, programs, services and infra-structure sustainment for 119 Army installations worldwide.

Sakowitz has oversight of an \$8 billion annual budget, 75,000 employees, 14,970 million acres of land and 934.8 million square feet of facilities worth \$211.7 billion. He is also the senior Army civilian responsible for the daily execution of the Base Realignment and Closure actions directed by the President and Congress.

Prior to assuming his current position in IMA, Sakowitz was selected by the Secretary of the Army to lead the Transformation of Installation Management Task Force.

This bold initiative entailed organizing the operations of fifteen separate and distinct commands into one centralized structure to ensure efficient, effective and standardized installation management across the Army.

His leadership in the effort resulted in a re-structuring, which was the most significant personnel movement in three decades within the Army and culminated in the establishment of the largest Field Operating Agency in the history of the Army.

Sakowitz has twice been honored as a Meritorious Presidential Rank recipient, recognizing him as a leader in the top 5 percent of the Senior Executive Service.

For more about Sakowitz and the Installation Management Agency visit www.ima.army.mil.



News & Notes

Keep democracy strong: Vote!

This year voters will elect 33 U.S. Senators, all 435 members of the U.S. House of Representatives, 37 state governors, and hundreds of other state and local officials.

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For more information about exercising your right to vote call 421-2959/civ. 0711-729-2959 or visit www.fvap.gov.

Community closures & changes

- The **Panzer Chapel** will be closed through year's end for renovations.

- The **Housing Office** on Panzer Kaserne is now open until 5 p.m. on Thursdays. For more information call 431-2230/civ. 07031-15-2230.

Wellness Wednesdays

The Stuttgart Wellness Center is open Wednesdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., for walk-in service.

For more information on services offered contact the center at 430-4073/civ. 0711-680-4073.

Clubs host welcome events

- Stuttgart's **Protestant Women of the Chapel** will host a Fall Kickoff event Sept. 7, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Swabian Special Events Center, Patch Barracks.

All community members are invited to enjoy fellowship with us and learn about our monthly programs, Bible studies, outreach programs, retreats and more.

Lunch and childcare provided. For more information call Wendy Athey at 0711-674-0443.

- The **Military Council of Catholic Women** will host a welcome luncheon Sept. 8, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Swabian Special Events Center, Patch Barracks. All current Catholic members and Catholic women new to the Stuttgart community are welcome. Childcare is available by calling Jeanne Sexton at 0711-120-7853.

- The **Stuttgart Community Spouses Club** will host its annual welcome event Sept. 16, 6 p.m., in the Swabian Special Events Center, Patch Barracks. The event is open to all Stuttgart area passport holders.

Air Force Ball in Stuttgart

The 59th Annual Air Force Ball is Sept. 16, in the Sindelfingen Stadthalle. Cocktails begin at 6 p.m., dinner at 8 p.m., and the Tops in Blue perform at 9:15 p.m.

Ticket prices in euro are: 50 for non-DoD, 45 for O6 and above, 40 for O4 and O5, 30 for E7 to O3, 20 for E4 to E6 and 10 for E4 and below.

To identify your unit's Air Force Ball rep, call Capt. Darrick Lee at 430-8447/civ. 0711-680-8447.

Baseball, soccer programs

- Stuttgart American Little League is sponsoring a **Summer/Fall Baseball Program** for all players ages 9 to 15. Coaches will be on hand to teach the skills of the game (hitting, fielding, base running, pitching, catching) and team play.

This program, which is open to boys and girls, will be conducted Sundays, 2 to 5 p.m., on Husky Field #3.

For more information contact Larry Tannenbaum at 0711-699-2727 or email L1089@hotmail.com or Dave Frasca at 07031-168-5762 or email dekec5@hotmail.com.

- The **Olympic Development Soccer Program Europe-Stuttgart District** is looking for Stuttgart's talented soccer players.

ODP-Europe is a U.S. Youth Soccer-sponsored skills development program designed to take already talented soccer players to the next level and be the feeder program for the U.S. Youth Soccer Program's State, Regional, and National Soccer Teams.

Tryouts, rain or shine, are scheduled Sept. 10 on Husky Field, Patch Barracks.

For more information contact Mark Marchant at marchantmtka@t-online.de or Rob Malletts at lisanrubbr@pjsnet.de.

All Army Photography Contest

Deadline for submissions for the All Army Photography Contest-Local Level is Oct. 8. There is no fee to enter. Entry forms and guidelines are available at the RB Arts and Photo Studio and Patch Frame Shop

For more information call 420-6038/civ. 0711-819-6038.

Garmisch upgrades to fiber optic technology

Groundbreaking ceremony highlights transformation

Story by Sue Ferrare

The Army used a groundbreaking ceremony in historic Garmisch-Partenkirchen to kick off a project designed to bring its communications infrastructure into the future.

The July 27 ceremony on Artillery Kaserne was presided over by the project's Army managers and the service's partner in the project, Siemens.

"This is actually the first project under the Infrastructure Modernization (IMOD)," said Lt. Col. Charles A. Wells, project manager for Defense Communications - Europe. "IMOD is the Army's worldwide effort to upgrade its data infrastructure."

Siemens won the first three task orders in the IMOD project, which is a new part of the Army's Installation, Information and Infrastructure Modernization (I3MP) program, which has been going on for the last several years, Wells said.

"It's an upgrade of the Army post's network infrastructure and telephone infrastructure," said Brian Kurtz, a project management specialist and integrated product team leader for the project in Garmisch. "So we upgrade the fiber backbone of the computer network, as well as the telephone lines. We're replacing and enhancing the fiber (computer) and copper (telephone). Some of this copper that we're replacing is from World War II days."

This will provide a significant increase in networking capabilities and bandwidth and telephone capabilities, he said.

Wells explained that there are two parts to the Garmisch project. First is the outside plant, which is the actual digging of the trenches and laying the fiber and copper cable. That phase will take about two and a half months to complete.

The second phase will be the inside plant,

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Col. Scot Miller
Defense Communications
and Army Switch Systems

during which they will go into the buildings and install rack-mounted equipment.

Col. Scot Miller, project manager for Defense Communications and Army Switch Systems in Fort Monmouth, N.J., talked about how these upgrades fit into what the Army is trying to do worldwide.

"This is the specific information infrastructure build-out that the Army does to enhance bandwidth to enable the Land War Net, which is our portion of the Global Information Grid," Miller said. "This particular implementation will provide significant capability for the two primary posts in Garmisch."

Wells said that with theater transformation going on, he has to "make sure that the project that I'm building for data infrastructure are synchronized and aligned with where the theater is going."

"This area here, of course, will be an enduring installation as USAREUR transformation completes," he explained. "So that's why the Army's investing in the data infrastructure here, because we know this is going to stay here for many years to come."



photo courtesy of Carl Heinz

[Left to right] Lt. Col. Charles Wells, Thilo Obenauer, Col. Scot Miller, Harmut Leitloff-Mueller and Lt. Col. William Duggan stand with shovels in hand to mark the start of Garmisch's new project to modernize its network system infrastructure in a July 27 ceremony.

"I'm just really gratified to support [this project] because [of] what a big mission the Marshall Center has ... and all the good that they are doing," he said. "It's great to be able to support them with the data infrastructure."

Thilo Obenauer, vice-president for defense and security solutions at Siemens, ended the ceremony by talking about what groundbreaking means and what this groundbreaking will mean for the community.

"Groundbreaking symbolizes the start of implementation," he said. "This is a good reason to celebrate, because many difficult hurdles had to be overcome to get to this point. But we ask for a bit of patience from the Garmisch community during the ongoing construction. However, I know it will pay off, because in the end you will have the latest state of the art data network at your service."

Garmisch residents maintain readiness through exercise

Story by Sue Ferrare

U.S. Army Garrison Garmisch held a tabletop exercise on Aug. 10 at the Garrison HQ to rehearse the community's response to a flood.

Garmisch suffered extensive flooding last year, which left the community on a virtual island with all roads in and out of the city under water.

The exercise brought together all of the directorates, tenant organizations and others who would normally be called into an Emergency Operations Center during an emergency of that magnitude. The main objective was to understand the roles and responsibilities as well as the expectations of everyone involved in the Emergency Operations Center during a flood, said Lt. Col. Peter Lee, chief of operations and security.

"It allowed us to synchronize the activities and actions that would be taken by all tenant units in concert with the garrison," said exercise participant Col. Steven Briggs, director of the

[Above] Last year in August, heavy rains caused the Loisach River to overflow its banks, closing many roads in and around the Garmisch military community. [Below] Several local residents had to stack sandbags in front of their entryways to protect homes from rising water levels.



photos by Brandon Beach

Marshall Center Director of Plans and Analysis.

During the 2005 flooding, there was no EOC or central point of contact, Lee said.

"We want to try not to repeat mistakes that we made last time," he said. "We looked at what went well and what went badly and [will] try to improve on that."

Part of the problem last year was communication between the garrison and the tenant units as well as the community, Lee said.

"[Now] people know that if we stand up the EOC, we expect a representative from our tenant organizations to come to [the EOC] so that if they have concerns, they are raised in a central location and then information could be disseminated out from that central location," he said.

Lee said he felt the community needs to rehearse throughout the year what it would do in an emergency. "We do this to protect the community and respond appropriately."

Briggs said that the exercise was superb and that he was very pleased to see that everyone came together as a community to take some time to work on disaster preparedness and emergency response.

"We have made great strides, and I feel that the community is much better prepared to deal with something of this nature in the future."

Vacation Bible School

California church answers community call

Story and photos by Sue Ferrare

This summer a group of 14 Californians made it their mission to come and help out the Garmisch community chapel by teaching Vacation Bible School.

Vacation Bible School - commonly known as VBS - is a summer chapel program aimed solely to teach children about God and the Bible while having fun, said Garmisch Chaplain Richard Pacania.

VBS usually consists of one week of daily three-hour sessions during which children participate in story time, worship songs, crafts, games and snack time.

At most chapels, VBS is conducted by community members, but Pacania knew the Garmisch chapel had so many members leaving the area or on deployment that there would not be enough community members to run one this year.

"This summer we had no core group to conduct VBS," he said. "So, based on what the previous chaplain had done in the past and based on the need, I thought we might be able to bring a team in."

In April, Pacania called a friend who is a senior pastor at a church in Vallejo, Calif. to find out if his church was willing to send a team. Although it was short notice, the church came through with the people and the money needed to get them here, Pacania said.

"We thought it was a great opportunity for our Sunday school teachers as well as a short-term mission project," said Al Almeda, the Director of Christian Education at the Faith Bible Church of Vallejo.

Before the team could get here, however, a lot of planning had to be done on both sides of the ocean. Not only did the California team have to raise its own money, they had to commit to running the VBS at their own church before they came here, said Ryan Nishimoto, VBS Director at the Faith Bible Church.

On this side of the ocean, Pacania said the community got involved and provided logistical support and housing and the families got together and provided the meals and

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*Director of Christian Education
Faith Bible Church*

the transportation around town for the team.

"It's admirable that the church was able to pull this team together to send them so far to come do a Vacation Bible School. I'm not sure the community would have been able to facilitate one," said Nikki Belleque, VBS volunteer and mother of two children who participated. "They handled the kids well, they managed to get to know them, and the kids liked them. I thought it was really well done."

Both Belleque and Nishimoto noted that the children adapted very well to having newcomers run the VBS.

"It shows how the kids are to new people and new situations," Belleque said. "Most kids who are affiliated with military communities are very adaptable creatures, because they have to be."

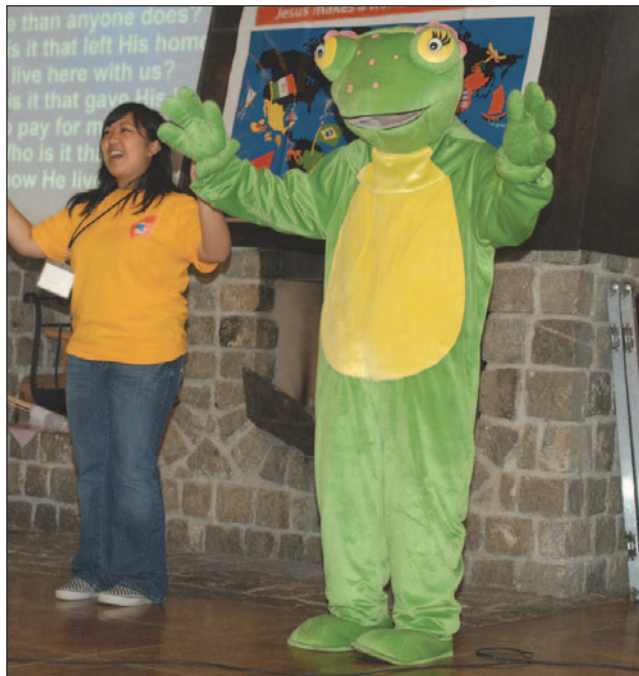
In the end, everyone was pleased that the mission team could come here.

"The parents...were really thankful that the team was able to do it," Pacania said. "And [the team] was very thankful that we hosted them and gave them a chance to go on a mission trip. For some of them, it was their first overseas trip."

"The one thing I'll remember is the experience of life inside a military post," Almeda said.



[Above] Sarah Pacania, a second-grader, takes part in an arts and craft project during the annual Vacation Bible School held in August at the Garmisch Chapel.



[Side] Nikki Kagawan and a member of the Faith Bible Church dressed as 'Izzy the Lizard' lead a group through a spiritual song. The church, from Vallejo, Calif., sent 14 Sunday school teachers from its congregation to set up a weeklong Bible school for the Garmisch military community.

Ussery prepared to lead Garmisch American School

Story & photo by Sue Ferrare

Getting a job in Garmisch was like a gift for the new Garmisch American School principal, Susan Ussery. "It's a beautiful assignment," she said. "I'm happy to be here."



Ussery

Before coming to Garmisch, Ussery spent seven years in Bitburg, six as the principal of the elementary school and one as the principal of the middle school.

Ussery said that because of her experience, the kindergarten through eighth-grade GAS will just be a combination of what she's used to.

"I look forward to finding out how things are done here and how it works with

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Principal, Garmisch American School

having kindergarten all the way through eighth-grade," she said. "Seeing how we can make it the best for everybody."

"I think, in a way, it's a smaller school than I've had, so that is a challenge for me to get used to. But I think there are a lot of things you can do in a smaller school that you can't do in a larger school - there's more flexibility. I look forward to that."

GAS is not only smaller, but somewhat isolated, so Ussery plans to make sure the students - particularly the older ones - get to participate in Department of Defense Dependents Schools-sponsored events.

"I don't know how big the participation here has been

but there are certainly very worthwhile activities, and I want to make sure that they have the opportunity to participate," she said.

Part of this desire for the students to have these opportunities comes from Ussery's goal for her students.

"I think the overall message for the children and the parents alike is, we want all students to be successful, and we want them to have all of the opportunities and all of the support that they need in order for that to happen," she said.

"That's my main goal in being here - just ensuring that the students [and] families have the support and what they need in order for the students to be successful in this school. We want them to succeed at the highest level that they possibly can, so that's sort of an expectation that I hope we will have in this school and that we move them to the highest level that they can obtain."

September 12 in The Citizen: Read all about the new administrators who will be leading Stuttgart's DoDDS schools.

U.S. Army Summer Hire Program

Garmisch students recognized for service

Story & photos by Sue Ferrare

Garmisch may be a famous place to vacation in the winter, but a group of almost 30 students recently found out that it's also a good place to spend a summer working.

The students, part of the U.S. Army Europe Summer Hire Program, wrapped up their employment earlier this month. They reported earning valuable life experience in addition to the money they made.

"This job has helped me prepare for other jobs because I've never had quite so much responsibility," said Tim Haug, a high school senior on his third year with the summer hire program. "I've really learned how to plan ahead and organize."

The USAREUR summer hire program is a six-week program run through the Stuttgart Civilian Personnel Operations Center which allows students from age 14 through 23 to apply for a job working with the military in their area.

This year, almost 30 Garmisch-area students worked as part of the program.

"We place [the students] where we think their strengths work out the best," said Sherri Collier, who worked with the summer hire program in Garmisch. "We work closely with all the offices and directorates and with the garrison to see what works best with them."

"One of our students has actually done quite a bit of research on the signing of the Marshall plan," Collier said. "It's the 60th anniversary of the signing of that plan, so he had to do a big research project. I

thought that was a good learning experience for him."

Getting a chance to learn about the Marshall Center and having an international experience was what interested Sam Harrold in the summer hire job.

"For a physics person this isn't immediately applicable, but it's an international experience that I wouldn't otherwise have and I will be grateful that I had," he said. "[It was] good for broadening my horizons."

"The most striking element to me was what an 8-to-5 job really means as far as home life," he said. "Work is a lot of your life and it's real important to know yourself and what you want to do. [This job] has been an enjoyable working experience."

Sara Micka worked at the Child Development Center and the Garrison Library. She described a learning experience that was a little bit different, but just as meaningful.

"Something that I'll remember the most is the changes that [the children] went through," she said. "I worked in the infant room for a while and then the toddler room for most of the time and then I worked just a couple of days in the pre-school room. You find out just really how smart they are."

Micka also said that she learned a lot about different research databases from the librarian which is something she can use for school projects.

No matter where they worked, most students said that they had a good experience at their summer job and they would recommend it to other students.

"I would recommend it," Haug said. "Even if I'm going into something like sci-



[Above] Madeline Gardiner types away at the Marshall Center. [Right] Sara Micka files a book at the Garmisch Community Library. Some 30 area students took part in this year's summer hire program.

ence, just having to work with other people as well as developing relationships and people skills, it's a lot better than other kinds of summer jobs."

"I think [the program] is pretty great because it gives you work experience no matter where you work," Micka said.

For more photos of Garmisch's Summer Hire youth visit www.garmisch.army.mil.

For more about the George C. Marshall Center visit www.marshallcenter.org.



Stuttgart youth spend summer 'on the job'

Story by Brandon Beach

From custom framing pictures to fixing bowling lanes, Stuttgart youth got a hands-on look at today's workforce.

This year's summer hire program placed 125 area youth in jobs throughout the military community, according to Lindsey Romero, the program's coordinator.

For many youth, the nine-to-five experience was a chance to earn some extra spending money before the start of school and gain valuable on-the-job skills.

"I really got a better feel for working in a customer-service environment," said Jason Boley, a Patch High School graduate who will be attending the University of Texas to study theater arts this fall.

Boley spent the majority of his day holed up in the Patch Barracks' Frame Shop, a Morale Welfare and Recreation facility that on average takes in 90 to 100 orders a month.

"All the frames we build in the shop are with our own two hands," said Corinne Martindale, the store's manager. "It really takes a cohesive team to put out so much product. The extra help this summer was wonderful."

Along with Martindale, the store's staff consists of two additional part-time employees.

"There's some days we get so many orders coming in that the framers can't frame," said Martindale.

Another place that got a boost from the extra help was the Patch Barracks' Dining Facility. The large-scale mess hall prepares three full meals and feeds nearly 250 Soldiers and civilians a day during its breakfast and lunch hours.

The facility kept 15 summer hire youth busy behind the food counter.

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Corinne Martindale
Manager, Patch Frame Shop

"Right now, we're short on personnel because of the draw-down," said Frank Lacks, the facility's manager. "This is a large capacity area, so our summer hires really helped us fill in our gaps."

Those gaps included the people behind the food line, in front of the grill and even over the mop, and Lacks was quick to point out that without the summer hire youth, running the business would have been "really difficult."

PHS graduate Derrick Hamilton got a firsthand look at all the mechanics that operate a bowling lane. He spent his summer at the Galaxy Bowling and Entertainment Center on Panzer Kaserne living out a Big Lebowski dream.

"I've been around bowling for as long as I can remember," said Hamilton, who maintains a 192 average in the sport. "I've always been interested in what goes on behind the scenes. I now know it's harder to fix a lane than you think."

Hamilton will attend Lincoln University in Missouri to study architecture this fall and has already called the local bowling alley in town to spot a part-time job.

He said the lane wrenching skills he picked up at the Gal-

axy will be helpful down the road when he has to pay "all those college bills."

The six-week program concluded Aug. 4. The summer hire participants were recognized for their service to the community in an Aug. 3 awards ceremony at the Patch Community Club.

Advertised during the school year on the Civilian Human Resources Agency European Region Web site, the program was open to all youth aged 14 to 22 whose parent was either an active-duty military member or a Department of Defense civilian.

Applicants chose between labor, clerical and child care positions.

"This summer hire program means a lot to our community," said Patricia Strowbridge, USAG Stuttgart acting director of logistics. "Every year we want to make this a tradition in the garrison."

For more information on the summer hire program visit www.chrma.hqusareur.army.mil.

Cub Scout Day Camp

Weeklong activities focus on fitness, citizenship

Story & photos by Brandon Beach

Inside the makeshift craft tent, Thomas Addyman stands poised and ready.

With a wooden mallet raised in the air and an iron stamp placed centrally on a chunk of brown leather, the blond-haired first-grader from Patch Elementary School takes several orchestrated whacks.

Satisfied with his efforts, he gently pries off the stamp to reveal the imprint of a tiger paw.

He claps his hands together and reaches across the table for a coiled-up piece of plastic string, which he begins to thread through the outer rim of the leather.

Next to him, several members of his Cub Scout Pack 44 bang out their own imprints of dragons, lions and bear claws.

The tent, just one of many activity corners set up throughout Panzer Kaserne's Limited Training Area, sounds like an invasion of woodpeckers.

For Pack 44, based out of Kelley Barracks, the half hour of hammering will not only result in a Native American necklace but most likely a long-lasting headache for their parents standing nearby.

From Tigers to Webelos, more than 60 scouts from various Stuttgart cub packs took part in this year's day camp held Aug. 15 to 18.

"Scouting is just a great way for kids to stay busy," said Debra Novotny, a Webelo den leader. "It teaches them good morals and keeps them in tune with our environment."

Several members of Novotny's den spent time on the first day piecing together the group's official flag, which they raised during their song-filled marches between learning stations.

"They also have to select a noise that they can all recognize in the wild," she said, as the den began to rehearse a series of guttural squawks.

For the Webelo II scouts in her group, the day camp was a chance to earn the required activity badges for their Arrow of Light award, which serves as the bridge to the Boy Scouts level.

"Boy Scouts advance not by age but by skill tests," said Camp Director Harold Pauli of the main difference between the two scouting divisions. "He is responsible for his speed and progress and free to choose his own interests."

Kyle Benavides, a fifth-grader at Patch Elementary School, is one of the boys in the group that will make the jump to Boy Scouts next year. He said his favorite part of the camp was learning new survival skills, like starting a fire in the wild.

"You could rub two sticks together," he said. "But it's not always guaranteed to work. It's easier with kindling and a fire starter."

On the far corner of the LTA, four boys in yellow camp shirts stand at the bow and arrow shooting range, another activity that packs rotated in and out throughout the day, earning a bead to string onto their necklaces for their efforts to hit the bulls-eye, placed 10

meters away.

"Pick up your bow and nock your arrow," said Tech. Sgt. Michael Merchant of European Command, Plans and Operations Center, who served as the camp's range master.

The boys fumble with their arrows and the volunteer Boy Scouts, such as Franklyn Barber of Troop 154, are quick to lend a hand.

"It's important for the Boy Scouts to teach their skills to the younger scouts. It teaches them to be a leader," said Maj. Lee Hilty of Headquarters EUCOM. "For these guys [Cub Scouts], it's a chance to aspire to the next step up."

Nearby at the BB gun range, scouts lie on their stomachs and fire away at black and white targets pinned up to cardboard boxes. Many shots sail high into the trees behind the range but for the lucky ones that strike the target, it's a chance to show off to proud parents.

"The camp exposes them to a lot of different activities where they can gain abilities and self-confidence," said Merchant, a father of four children who all participate in scouting.

The week's activities ended with a Webelos camp out on Friday night. For many Cub Scouts and their parents, the event was a first-time experience "roughing it" in the wild.

"My goal is to bring people out of the Kaserne, so when they go back to America, they can say they camped in Germany," said BSA International Commissioner Hermann Greis of the Barbaossa District.

Scouting in Stuttgart:
Contact Information

Cub Scouts
(Grades 1 to 5)

Panzer Kaserne (Pack 44)

- Contact: Dale Hutchinson
- 430-8229/civ. 0711-680-8229

Patch Barracks (Pack 324)

- Contact: Mary Blankenship
- 430-5336/civ. 0711-680-5336

Robinson Barracks (Pack 3)

- Contact: Pam Tucker
- 0711-806-5465

Scouts of LDS Faith (Pack 119)

- Contact: Pierre Deluca
- 430-6477/civ. 0711-680-6477

Boy Scouts
(Grades 6 to 12)

Kelley Barracks (Troop 154)

- Contact: Brad Butz
- 430-6983/civ. 0711-680-6983

Patch Barracks (Troop 324)

- Contact: Chester Husk
- 430-4377/civ. 0711-680-4377

Scouts of LDS Faith (Troop 119)

- Contact: Roger Carbajal
- 431-2915/civ. 07031-15-2915



Zack Armstrong [left] of Boy Scout Troop 154 helps Sam Mackin, a third-grader from Patch Elementary School, aim his bow at the target during the Cub Scout Day Camp Aug. 15 at the Panzer LTA.



[Above] From Tigers to Webelos, more than 60 scouts from various Stuttgart cub packs participated in numerous activities such as BB gun shooting during this year's day camp held Aug. 15 to 18.



[Right] A cub scout carries the den's official camp flag across Panzer's Kaserne's Limited Training Area as the group marches to its next learning station. From art projects to sporting games, the Cub Scout Day Camp kept youth busy and having fun.

Back-to-School Information

Students resume pursuit of academic, extracurricular excellence

Army's science, math and technology competition attracts creative minds

Press Release

Registration for eCYBERMISSION, the U.S. Army's free, web-based science, math and technology competition open to sixth- through ninth-grade students throughout the United States and U.S. schools abroad, will begin Sept. 1 and run through Dec. 12, 2006.

In its first four years, the competition has attracted students whose curiosity, creativity and dedication have in turn attracted the attention of Bill Gates, chairman of Microsoft Corporation. In a videotaped address prepared especially for 2005-2006 national finalists, Gates challenged the students to continue their pursuits of science, math and technology.

"Your experience with eCYBERMISSION is just the beginning," said Gates. "I urge you to continue to stay focused, to think outside of the box, to ask yourself 'how does this work,' 'how can I solve this problem,' or 'how can I make this technology better?'"

Gates envisions that students, such as those competing in the eCYBERMISSION competition, can make a difference through creating opportunities and innovations in technology and serving as leaders in the future of our nation.

"The United States has long been the world's center for innovation in science and technology, but our continued prosperity, as a nation, will depend on whether we can produce a new generation that has the skills to create tomorrow's technology breakthroughs," Gates said.

This year, the U.S. Army is expecting continued growth with the competition. "This competition cycle marks the fifth year of a program dedicated to increasing the number of American students interested in pursuing science, math and technology careers," said Michael Doyle, U.S. Army eCYBERMISSION program manager. "More than 6,000 students from across the nation participated in last year's competition and we expect higher numbers this coming year. Registering for the competition is done via the eCYBERMISSION web site at www.ecybermission.com."

Your experience with eCYBERMISSION is just the beginning. I urge you to continue to stay focused, to think outside the box . . .

Bill Gates
Chairman, Microsoft Corp.

eCYBERMISSION participants discover the scientific method and its application in the real world. Teams of three or four students identify a problem in their community, formulate a hypothesis and conduct research and experiments in one of four competition categories. Students then collect and organize their data, interpret the results and submit an on-line "Mission Folder" documenting the process.

Students competing in eCYBERMISSION have the opportunity to win up to \$8,000 in U.S. EE Savings Bonds. Sixteen teams will be chosen as Regional First Place winners with each student being awarded \$3,000 in EE Savings Bonds, as well as an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. for the National Judging and Educational Event.

Four National First Place Winners will be chosen from these 16 teams, and awarded additional \$5,000 in EE Savings Bonds per student.

Students not advancing to the national competition, but who submit Mission Folders that show a grasp of science and its application to a real community problem, may compete for one



Brandon Beach

Video production classes at Patch High School familiarize students with technology through hands-on learning. [Above] A student adjusts her camera lens before recording a segment of Patch News last year.

of the 16 Regional Second Place Awards of \$3,000 in EE Savings Bonds or one of the 64 Regional Criteria Awards of \$2,000 in EE Savings Bonds for each student on the team.

Through eCYBERMISSION, the U.S. Army has awarded more than \$3.5 million in prize money in support of the science, math and technology leaders of tomorrow.

Since its inception five years ago, more than 25,000 students from across the country and in U.S. territories and Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) schools worldwide have participated in the competition.

For more information, please visit www.ecybermission.com or call 1-866-GO-CYBER (1-866-462-9237).

New DoDDS policy expands eligibility for children of civilians, contractors

DoDDS Release

The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) announced the cancellation Aug. 11 of Department of Defense Regulation 1342.13 and its replacement by a DoDEA Regulation of the same number, clearing the way for the official adaptation of changes to eligibility codes that will greatly expand access to its schools for the children of DoD contractors and civilian employees across Europe.

Under the new guidelines, which were provisionally announced in March of this year, children of DoD contractors will be eligible to attend DoDDS-Europe schools on a space-guaranteed, tuition-paying basis. The children of full-time, locally hired NAF and AF employees, who are U.S. citizens or U.S. nationals, will be eligible to attend DoDDS-E schools on a space-required, tuition-free basis.

The expanded classification codes include the children of full-time local hires who work for the U.S. government in Europe without hous-

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ing and or transportation agreements.

The policy change allows DoDDS-Europe schools to expand support to the children of civilians whose contributions have grown increasingly critical to the nation's military missions.

The cancellation of the DoD Regulation and its replacement with DoDEA Regulation 1342.13 is the result of a two-year process of negotiation for the expansion of eligibility by the Dependents Education Council. The DEC is a body of senior military leaders who advocate for educational services for military dependents in con-

junction with DoDDS-E and DoDEA officials.

DoDEA Regulation 1342.13 is on the web at <http://www.eu.dodea.edu/enroll.htm>.

DoDDS-E officials began encouraging parents whose children would become eligible under the new policy to pre-register them for the 2006-2007 school year beginning this past spring.

Officials reiterated their call for parents who have not yet done so to register their children either online or at their local school for the term which begins Monday, Aug. 28.

The sponsors of children affected by the eligibility change must be U.S. citizens or U.S. nationals who are full-time employees.

Contractors whose children will qualify under the change must make available copies of either the Logistical Support Section of the contract that authorizes dependent education on a tuition-paying basis, the Technical Expert Accreditation Status awarded to the sponsor, the DD-1172-2 Common Access Identification Card Application, or the contractor's or contractor's spouse's ID cards to DoDDS-E staff at the time of enrollment.

Employment and dependency status verification must be confirmed at the start of every school year for both AF and NAF civilians by their servicing Civilian Personnel/Human Resource Office to qualify.

Parents should consult the registrar at their community school for guidance in determining their eligibility. Enrollment, eligibility and tuition related inquiries can also be made via email to DoDDS-E.Enrollment@eu.dodea.edu.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL INFORMATION

Important Notice to Parents

It's not too late to sign up for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program.

To see if you qualify for this program contact Army Community Service 430-7176/civ. 0711-680-7176 for an appointment.

Patch Elementary School	RB Elementary/Middle School	Böblingen Elementary/Middle School	Patch High School
School Day • 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	School Day • 8:10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (Elementary) • 8 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. (Middle School)	School Day • 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (Elementary) • 8 a.m. to 2:35 p.m. (Middle School)	School Day • 8 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.
Main Office • 430-5200/civ. 0711-680-5200	Main Office • 420-7112/civ. 0711-819-7112	Main Office • 431-2715/civ. 07031-15-2715	Main Office • 430-7191/civ. 0711-680-7191
Open House • Sept. 7 (5 to 7 p.m.)	Open House • Sept. 31 (5 to 7 p.m.)	Open House • Sept. 6 (5 to 7 p.m.)	Open House • Aug. 28 (11:45 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.)

For more information about Stuttgart-area schools contact Joyce Kennedy (U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart School Liaison Officer):
Office Phone: 430-7465/civ. 0711-680-7465 – Handy: 0174-248-9905 – E-mail: joyce.kennedy@us.army.mil

Stuttgart schools a click away

From academics to athletics, find out about your Stuttgart-area schools online.

Get the latest on calendar events, high school sports schedules, up-to-date contact information and more.

Each DoDDS school has a Department of Defense Education Activity Web site. Visit the following sites for details:

**Böblingen Elementary/
Middle School**

www.stut-esb.eu.dodea.edu

Patch Elementary School

www.patch-es.eu.dodea.edu

Patch High School

www.stut-hs.eu.dodea.edu

RB Elementary/Middle School

www.rbar-es.eu.dodea.edu



Lesson #1: Safety first, safety always

From the bus to the classroom – & back again – students, parents urged to plan for a safe experience

National Safety Council

For some 22 million students throughout the United States, the school day begins and ends with a trip on a school bus. Unfortunately, each year many children are injured and several are killed in school bus incidents.

School bus related crashes killed 164 persons and injured an estimated 18,000 persons nationwide in 1999, according to data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Fatality Analysis Reporting System and General Estimates System.

Over the past six years, about 70 percent of the deaths in fatal school bus related crashes were occupants of vehicles other than the school bus and 20 percent were pedestrians. About 4 percent were school bus passengers and 2 percent were school bus drivers.

Of the people injured in school bus related crashes from 1994 through 1999, about 44 percent were school bus passengers, 9 percent were school bus drivers, and another 43 percent were occupants of other vehicles.

Although drivers of all vehicles are required to stop for a school bus when it is stopped to load or unload passengers, children should not rely on them to do so.

The National Safety Council encourages parents to teach their children the following rules related to school buses:

Getting on the bus

- When waiting for the bus, stay away from traffic and avoid roughhousing or other behavior that can lead to carelessness. Do not stray onto streets, alleys or private property.
- Line up away from the street or road as the school bus approaches.
- Wait until the bus has stopped and the door opens before stepping onto the roadway.
- Use the hand rail when stepping onto the bus.

Behaving on the bus

- When on the bus, find a seat and sit down. Loud talking or other noise can distract the bus driver and is not allowed.
- Never put head, arms or hands out of the window.
- Keep aisles clear — books or bags are tripping hazards and can block the way in an emergency.
- Before you reach your stop, get ready to leave by getting your books and belongings together.
- At your stop, wait for the bus to stop completely before getting up from your seat. Then, walk to the front door and exit, using the hand rail.

Getting off the bus

- If you have to cross the street in front of the bus, walk at least ten feet ahead of the bus along the side of the road, until you can turn around and see the driver.
- Make sure that the driver can see you.
- Wait for a signal from the driver before beginning to cross.
- When the driver signals, walk across the road, keeping an eye out for sudden traffic changes.
- Do not cross the center line of the road until the driver has signaled that it is safe for you to begin walking.
- Stay away from the bus' rear wheels at all times.

Crossing the street

- Children should always stop at the curb or the edge of the road and look left, then right, and then left again before crossing.
- They should continue looking in this manner until they are safely across.
- If students' vision is blocked by a parked car or other obstacle, they should move out to where drivers can see them and they can see other vehicles — then stop, and look left-right-left again.

This information originally appeared online on the National Security Council Web site (www.nsc.org).



Though students in Stuttgart and Garmisch may not be getting to school in a traditional yellow bus, the same safety rules apply here as in the States. Safety officials urge parents to review safe behavior with their children to help ensure that their travels to and from school are uneventful.

Experts advise: Put your 'back' into back-to-school safety plans

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart
Public Affairs Office Release

Ask students about school-associated dangers, and pop quizzes and holiday homework assignments will probably be among the most popular replies.

But according to a variety of safety experts, one of the more insidious threats to students isn't inside any book — but can be found instead in the manner in which most students carry those books.

The American Academy of Pediatrics advises the following backpack safety tips:

- Choose a backpack with wide, padded shoulder straps and a padded back.
- Pack light. Organize the backpack to use all of its compartments.
- Pack heavier items closest to the center of the back.
- The backpack should never weigh more than 10 to 20 percent of the student's body weight.
- Always use both shoulder straps. Slung a backpack over one shoulder can strain muscles. Also, wearing a backpack on one shoulder may increase curvature of the spine.
- Consider a rolling backpack. This type of backpack may be a good choice for students who must tote a heavy load.



A safe route and a partner: excellent. But what about those backpacks? The American Academy of Pediatrics urges parents to ensure that their children aren't unduly straining their backs with oversized or overloaded packs.

Student Safety Online

American Academy of Pediatrics
www.aap.org

National Security Council
www.ncs.org

National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration
www.nhtsa.org

Consumer Product Safety
Commission
www.cpsc.org

For more safety information call the USAG Stuttgart Safety Office
at 421-2745/civ. 0711-729-2745

Stay alert, aware, alive

Take a ‘P.A.U.S.E.’ to ensure safety, security

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart
Public Affairs Office Release

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart force protection and safety personnel would like all community members to take a “P.A.U.S.E.” to ensure their security and that of their families.

Organized under the campaign name **P.A.U.S.E.**, the program encourages all community members to be **Prepared, Alert, Unpredictable, Secure and to Exercise caution.**

Prepared

- Maintain copies of important documents, such as passports and birth certificates in a safe place.
- Know emergency phone numbers for local police, fire and ambulance.
- When traveling, know the location of the nearest U.S. embassy, consulate or U.S. military base.

Alert

- Be aware of suspicious persons who appear to be observing U.S. facilities or personnel.
- Be aware of the security atmosphere of the areas in which you live and work.

Unpredictable

- Vary your route to and from work, as well as the time you leave and return.
- Do not establish a predictable travel pattern or routine.

Secure

- Keep home doors and windows locked, even while you are at home.

Numbers to know in Stuttgart & Garmisch	
Military Police - 114	
(Emergencies Only)	
Stuttgart CIV: 0711-680-114	
Garmisch CIV: 08821-750-114	
(Non-Emergencies)	
Stuttgart: 430-5262/civ. 0711-680-5262	
Garmisch: 440-3801/civ. 08821-750-3801	
Ambulance – 116	
Stuttgart CIV: 0711-680-116	
Garmisch CIV: 08821-750-116	
Fire – 117	
Stuttgart CIV: 0711-680-117	
Garmisch CIV: 08821-750-116	

- When traveling, pass through airport security as soon as possible.

Exercise caution

Be aware of and avoid public demonstrations. Do not be curious.

- Maintain a low profile. Do not wear typical “American” articles of clothing (including but not limited to baseball caps with U.S. logos or T-shirts and sweatshirts that call attention to your citizenship or military affiliation).

Personal security tips
for individuals, families

Be aware and report the following:

- Persons observed **photographing U.S. facilities or personnel.** Take note of the vehicle description and license plate number, if possible.
- Persons who **ask about access procedures** to U.S. facilities, military operations or personnel.
- **Suspicious or unsolicited letters and packages** received through local or U.S. postal services.
- **Attacks or harassment** directed against U.S. military personnel or other government employees.
- **Loss or theft of U.S. military identification cards.** Loss of passports should be reported to the nearest embassy or consulate.
- **Suspected computer intrusion** or unauthorized access to a government computer.
- **Strange mail packages.** Report packages with unusual odors or stains; odd shapes or bulges; incorrect spelling; or protruding wires or strings.

For more about personal security call the USAG Stuttgart Antiterrorism Office at 421-2860/civ. 0711-729-2860.

HEALTH CARE CORNER

U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart

Hours of Operation
Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri: 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursdays: 1 to 4 p.m.

Military Sick Call
Mon. to Fri.: 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
Thursdays, 1 to 2 p.m.

Pharmacy
M, T, W, F: 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursdays: 1 to 4 p.m.

Immunizations
Walk-in basis
Closed noon to 1 p.m.

Well Baby Care
Every Tuesday

Laboratory
M, T, W, F: 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursdays: 1 to 4 p.m.

Physical Exams
Active-duty only (by appt.)
430-6817/civ. 0711-680-6817

Well Woman Care
Every Wednesday

Appointments
430-8610/civ. 0711-680-8610 or 430-8611/civ. 0711-680-8611
Tricare beneficiaries can also make appointments online
Visit www.tricareonline.com

Stuttgart Dental Clinic

Hours of Operation
Mon. to Fri.: 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. & 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Active-Duty Sick Call
Mon. to Fri.: 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.

All Others Sick Call
Mon. to Fri.: 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Appointments
430-8626/civ. 0711-680-8626

Garmisch Dental Clinic

Hours of Operation
Mon., Wed & Fri: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Tue: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. / Thurs: 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Military Sick Call
Mon. to Fri.: 7:30 to 8 a.m.

Appointments
440-3414/civ. 08821-750-3414

Note
Dental services are extremely limited for patients other than active-duty service members and their families.

In case of an after-hours emergency call the MP desk to access the on-call patient liaison:
Stuttgart – 430-5262/civ. 0711-680-5262 / Garmisch 440-3827/civ. 08821-750-3827

Better Opportunities for Single Servicemembers

BOSS enhances service, recreation options in Stuttgart

Story & photos by Hugh C. McBride

You may have seen the shirts – and you’ve surely noticed the smiles. But questions remain: Who are those “BOSS”-emblazoned people who keep popping up to help improve events in Stuttgart? And how can you become a part of this creative, energetic organization?

As introductions usually do, let’s start with the name: Better Opportunities for Single Servicemembers is an Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation program designed to enhance quality of life through community service, recreation and leisure, and well-being activities.

On many installations, BOSS is known as “Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers.” But, befitting the joint nature of the Stuttgart military community, the final “S” in the local group’s acronym was altered to reflect a more all-encompassing organization.

“You don’t even have to be a service member – or single – to join,” said Stacie Mathis, U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart’s DMWR BOSS advisor. “Single civilians and married military members who are unaccompanied are welcome to become BOSS members.”

In addition to Mathis, the Stuttgart BOSS group is led by Sgt. 1st Class Juana Anderson (chapter president) and Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Barbary (senior military advisor).

The local group has been active in the past

JUST THE FACTS BOSS

- BOSS began in **1989** to help meet the recreational needs of single Soldiers ages 18 to 25.
- In 1991, the program was expanded to include **all aspects of Soldiers’ lives**.
- BOSS programs focus on three **core components**: Well Being, Recreation & Leisure, and Community Service.
- On Army installations, BOSS is headed by three **key personnel**: the BOSS President, the MWR Advisor, and the Command Sergeant Major.
- For more information about BOSS **online** visit www.armymwr.com/portal/recreation/single.

year. Service projects have included playing key support roles in the 2006 Soldier Show, the area’s July 4 celebration, and the Community Easter Egg Hunt.

In addition to their charitable endeavors, the BOSS members don’t neglect the more social aspects of the program. Group members recently traveled to Warner Brothers Movie World in Düsseldorf, and plans for a number of additional outings are in the works.



[Above] Members of Stuttgart’s BOSS program join U.S. European Command Deputy Commander Gen. William E. Ward and the cast of the U.S. Army Soldier Show after a performance in the Patch Fitness Center.



[Left] U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Q. Barbary takes his turn in the dunk tank during the USAG Stuttgart July 4 celebration on Husky Field.

For more about BOSS in Stuttgart contact Stacie Mathis (stacie.mathis@us.army.mil) or USAG Stuttgart Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Q. Barbary (mark.barbary@us.army.mil).

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Commander’s Golf Tournament



September 15
Shotgun Start: 8:30 a.m.

Entry fee: \$30 per player

(Sign up individually or with your 4-person team)

Fee includes golf, food & prizes!

For details or to register
call 07141-879-151

Also at the Stuttgart Golf Course in Kornwestheim:

American Red Cross Labor Day Classic
September 4

- \$40 for Stuttgart Golf Course members; \$55 for non-members
- Four-person scramble featuring more than \$1,000 in prizes
- Help the Stuttgart Red Cross continue its essential mission
- For details or to register: 431-2818/civ. 07031-15-2818

Armed Forces Communication & Electronics Association Tourney
September 8

- \$40 per person includes driving range balls, greens fees & buffet lunch
- All proceeds support AFCEA scholarship program
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Germans, Americans honor fallen U.S. troops

Ceremony marks 51st anniversary of Edelweiler crash

Story & photo by Air Force Maj. Pamela A.Q. Cook
U.S. European Command Public Affairs

Nearly 100 German and American citizens gathered in Edelweiler, Germany, Aug. 11 to remember and honor 66 American Airmen and Soldiers who died here 51 years ago in a mid-air collision between two C-119 Flying Boxcar transport aircraft. The planes, from the Air Force's 10th Troop Carrier Squadron, collided shortly after takeoff from Stuttgart Army Air Field in Echterdingen.

The two aircraft were part of a nine-ship formation on a training mission airlifting troops and equipment in a joint exercise with the Army's 499th Engineering Battalion. According to records, 44 individuals were on the aircraft that crashed into what was a cornfield 51 years ago. The second aircraft crashed nearby in a dense area of the Black Forest with 22 aboard. There were no survivors.

In 1993, the owner of the land on the edge of the forest planted an oak tree where one of the aircraft came down, Prelate Eberhard Mühlbacher, who helped organize this year's ceremony. Last year, on the 50th anniversary of the crash, a stone marker was placed at the exact spot where the aircraft hit the ground.

"When the dead are lost from out of our memory and knowledge, it feels like a second death," deputy county leader Klaus-Ulrich Roeber said through a translator. "Because of this, I value the activities of the people here today because it keeps the memory alive."

"Reflecting on this accident helps me understand the meaning of living in freedom and in a democracy, as I have been able to do through my childhood to my adult life," Roeber continued. "I owe this to the American people, and I thank you for that."

Several village leaders and representatives from the U.S. military spoke to the standing-room only crowd gathered inside a local church hall before the ceremony continued at the site of the crash.

"I know that [the families of] these young men who died would be very, very grateful to know that this community is honoring those young Soldiers and Airmen who died and never got to experience the joy of growing old and seeing their grandchildren, who died never knowing that there



[Above] Army Chap. (Col.) James Hoke offers a prayer during an Aug. 11 memorial service honoring 66 service members killed in a mid-air collision in 1955. [Below] Stuttgart-area Girl Scout Megan Glogowski carries a wreath near the memorial site.

could be such a place of peace," Army Chap. (Col.) James Hoke said.

Members of the Stuttgart and Ramstein Air Base communities read the names of the individuals lost in the crash, and Stuttgart-area Girl Scouts placed a wreath beside the memorial to honor the service members.

Representatives from the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Boy Scouts of America were also in attendance.

"It's a very good chance to come together to see American friends and German friends, because in death all people are the same," Pastor Oliver Velm said. "We live in the landscape, in a small city, and this is a very good sign for the people here. The older people remember the catastrophe, and it's good for the younger Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and [other] Americans to remember together. The good point is the word 'together.'"

For more about Edelweiler crash online visit www.geocities.com/betbil.geo/crash.html.



DISA-Europe team takes on Nijmegen



photo courtesy DISA-Europe

The DISA-Europe team participates in the opening ceremony for the Four Days March in Nijmegen. Team members include Capt. Shannon Cummins, ITCS Allen Keller, Steven Lysse, DISA-E Commander Col. Michael Curry, Command Master Chief Christopher Thompson, Lt. Col. Troy Loeb, Maj. Gregory Doubek, Maj. Hubert Wagstaff, CW4 Todd Boudreau, Sgt. 1st Class Robert Lynn, SFC Ivan Fernandezotero, Gunnery Sgt. Kenneth Redifer II, Sgt. Donald Mclean, and Staff Sgt Nathan Johnson.

By ITCS Allen Keller & CW4 Todd Boudreau
Defense Information Systems Agency-Europe

On a cool mid-April morning, fourteen Defense Information Systems Agency-Europe personnel converged on Husky Field, Patch Barracks for an initial training session that would culminate in their participation in the annual Four Days March in Nijmegen, The Netherlands.

Over the following 15 weeks, this team would explore many areas of Stuttgart, including landmarks such as Rubble Hill, where the WWII ruins of Stuttgart are laid to rest, Schloss Solitude, high on a hilltop overlooking the city of Gerlingen, and the Fernsehturm, the world's first concrete TV tower.

Marching on Saturdays for many miles over several hours forged a unique bond. Some marches became "family time" as various family members joined us on our leisurely 12-mile early morning strolls.

On July 16, the team gathered in front of the DISA-Europe building to pose for one last group shot prior to heading to Camp Heumensoord, the military camp just outside the Nijmegen. Once in the Netherlands, the local personnel participated in an opening ceremony that included a parade featuring the national flag of each participating nation.

Sgt. 1st Class Robert Lynn proudly carried the U.S. flag, leading the U.S. contingent onto the field.

Day One of the event started with 3 a.m. wake-up. DISA-Europe's Nijmegen team stood in formation at the starting line after one last check to ensure each person's pack contained the minimum 10 kg (22lb) weight, not including water and food for the day. With a determined and positive attitude, the group headed out.

Four miles into the march, the military groups merged with more than 30,000 civilian marchers. Spectators lined both sides of the streets, and cheers rose from the crowds encouraging everyone onward. A common sight was the children lined up to receive high-fives or stickers from the marchers.

With the sun high in the sky, and temperatures reaching

past 107°F, the marchers' steps grew slower as the day wore on, and the initial stages of heat sickness crept up throughout the crowd as they crossed the lengthy stretches of shadeless dykes. With five miles left to go and the sun taking its toll on the team, the bond and camaraderie formed during the course of training were put to the test.

The DISA-Europe proudly marched past the line of cheerers and through the gates at Camp Heumensoord. Finishing ninth out of 16 U.S. military units in eleven hours and thirteen minutes, we learned that Team DISA was one of only three units to complete the course within the allotted time without losing a single team member.

Later that night the team would learn what their teamwork actually achieved and accomplished during the day. News spread quickly throughout camps that out of the registered 48,630 marchers, more than 6,500 civilian marchers were unable to complete the first day. Eight hundred marchers were treated by local health care facilities and the local military hospital treated 375 members with heat related injuries.

Thirty-five civilians had experienced heart attacks, and three lives were lost. With the medical services in the area overloaded during the day, and weather predications for the next days to be even worse, the Nijmegen march, for the first time since WWII, was cancelled.

Since our return back to Stuttgart, many have asked us if we will try again and many have asked if we were disappointed. Our replies vary. Yes, we were disappointed that we could not officially complete what we had trained for and what we were confident we could achieve. However, there are a number of us that coveted the camaraderie, the training and the bonds forged only through the toughest of circumstances.

Will we do it again? Yes, no, maybe. Either way, Team DISA Nijmegen 2006 can stand tall. Some may have wobbled a little toward the end, but every Team DISA boot that stepped across the start line, just over eleven hours later, stepped across the finish line.

In any book, that's called a victory.



Some 250 wine varieties from the Baden-Württemberg region will be available during the city's annual Wine Village held in the downtown Schillerplatz Aug. 30 to Sept. 10. This year marks the 32nd edition of this beloved festival.

Annual Wine Village opens on Stuttgart's Schillerplatz

Story & photos by Brandon Beach

Celebrating the fruits of Baden-Württemberg's 2000-year old wine-making tradition, Stuttgart's *Weindorf* (Wine Village) is a chance to break away from the daily bustle and sample a glass of sparkling Riesling or order a plate of *Käsespätzle* (Swabian cheese noodles).

The 32nd edition of the festival officially opens Aug. 30 when Dr. Wolfgang Schuster, the lord mayor of Stuttgart, taps the traditional wine barrel. The party lasts until Sept. 10.

Located directly across from the downtown *Schlossplatz*, the heart of the festival lies in the cobblestoned *Schillerplatz*, under the gaze of the prominent *Stiftskirche* (the city's landmark church).

The festival grounds extend the entire length of the *Kirchstraße* before ending at Stuttgart's *Rathaus* (city hall).

Here numerous wineries set up tent and feature some 250 local varieties such as Trollinger, the region's most well known red wine, or Lemberger, a ruby-colored wine with hints of plum.

At 2 to 3 euro a glass, the festival is a chance to take a palatal sojourn through many parts of Germany's southern countryside, without having to leave your seat.

Unlike the other fests in town, the Wine Village does not feature inverted rides or liter-sized beers.

In the evening hours, it's not unusual to find jubilant accordion players dressed in traditional tan-leather pants, thick wool Alpine socks and hiking boots serenading couples camped out in the courtyard.

Wine online

Didn't get enough at the *Weindorf*? The city of Stuttgart and local wineries have set up viniculture teaching paths throughout the region.

Explore the sprawling Neckar countryside and learn about the rich history of the region's wine-making tradition.

These tours are connected with wine tasting and guided walking tours.

For details visit these Web sites:

- www.stuttgart-tourist.de
- www.stuttgarter-wanderweg.de

This and other surprises await any first-time visitor to Stuttgart's beloved festival.

How to Get There

The *Weindorf* is located in downtown Stuttgart on *Schillerplatz* and extends down *Kirchstraße*. The simplest way of getting to and from the *Weindorf* is via public transportation.

- S-Bahnen trains S1, S2 and S3 all stop at *Haltestelle Stadtmitte*, which is a short walk to the village grounds.

- Stadtbahnen trains U5, U6 and U7 stop at *Schlossplatz* or *Charlottenplatz*, which is also close to the area.

- Stuttgart Bus Linie 42 will deliver you to the *Schlossplatz* stop.

For a complete list of train departure and arrival times visit www.reiseauskunft.bahn.de. For details about Stuttgart's Night Bus visit www.nachaktiv.net.

For more about the *Weindorf* visit www.prostuttgart.de. The festival is open Sundays to Wednesdays 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Thursdays to Saturdays until midnight.



[Top] A traditional wine barrel from Uhlbach. [Bottom] An accordion player keeps tents in a festive mood.



OUT & ABOUT

Mamma Mia!, the musical

SI Centrum's Palladium Theatre presents the musical smash comedy, *Mamma Mia!*, featuring 22 of ABBA's greatest hits (sung in German).

Tickets range from 40 to 139 euro depending on seating and may be purchased by calling 01805-4444.

The theatre is located on *Plieningerstraße* 100, which is a short 5-minute walk from the Kelley Barracks main gate.

To get there, take city train U3 to the *Salzacker/SI-Erlebnis-Centrum* stop. City buses 74 and 75 will deliver you to the *Landhaus* stop. For more information on dates and times, visit www.si-centrum.de.

World Athletics Final

The IAAF World Athletics Final will be held **Sept. 9 to 10** in Stuttgart's *Gottlieb-Daimler Stadium*.

Athletes from all over the world will jump, sprint, throw and vault their way toward gold.

For tickets visit www.easyticket.de or call 0711-2555-555. For more information visit www.weltfinale.de.

LL Cool J to play Böblingen

Rapper LL Cool J (alias "Ladies Love Cool James") brings his hip hop chops to Germany for the first time ever with a stopover in Böblingen's *Sporthalle* **Oct. 4**, 8 p.m.

The New York rapper is on tour with a fresh new album "Todd Smith" but is sure to play classics such as 1991's "Mama Said Knock You Out" and 1988's "Going Back to Cali."

Tickets cost 48.50 euro and may be purchased at www.eventim.de.

Opening acts include German rappers Afrob (from Stuttgart) and Lisi.

Mogwai to play LKA/Longhorn

Described in *Pitchfork* magazine as the "Stephen Kings of menacing post-rock," Mogwai bang out hits from their new album, "Mr. Beast," **Sept. 5**, 8 p.m., in Stuttgart's *LKA Longhorn*. Tickets cost 19 euro.

For more information visit www.musiccircus.de or call 0711-22-1105.

Voted one of the best rock clubs in Germany by "Vision" magazine, Longhorn is located at *Heiligenwiesen 6* in the *Wangen* district.

Bundesliga action

Catch live Bundesliga action when VfB Stuttgart takes to the field against Eintracht Frankfurt **Sept. 23**, 3:30 p.m., in *Bad Cannstatt's Gottlieb-Daimler Stadium* (S-Bahn Neckarstadion).

For tickets visit www.vfb-stuttgart.de or stop by the stadium's ticket box on game day.

The Stuttgarter Kickers, a professional *fussball* team in the *Regionaliga Süd*, bang the ball against SV Darmstadt 98 **Sept. 1**, 7 p.m., in *Gazi Stadium*.

To get to the stadium, take city train U7 to the *Waldau* stop or drive in direction to the television tower, a visible Stuttgart landmark.

For more information visit www.stuttgarter-kickers.de.

DAZ events in September

Dr. Horst Tonn, a professor of American Studies at the *Universität Tübingen*, will deliver the lecture "Amerika Latina" **Sept. 28**, 7:30 p.m., in the *Deutsch-Amerikanisches Zentrum*.

Part of the DAZ's look at Hispanic Heritage Month, the lecture will explore the representation of Hispanics in John Sayles' 1996 movie "Lone Star." The movie will be shown **Sept. 26**, 7 p.m.

Every month, English speaking people from around the world meet to discuss a variety of topics over food and drink. Known as the "Stammtisch Transatlantic," the group meets **Sept. 14**, 8 p.m., in *Plenum*, a restaurant located on *Konrad-Adenauer-Straße 3*.

The Baltimore Beauties, a multi-lingual hand sewing and quilting group, meets **Sept. 22**, 9 a.m. to noon, in the DAZ.

The center is located at *Charlottenplatz 17* (U-Bahn 5 or 6). For a complete list of DAZ-sponsored activities visit www.daz.org.

Celebrate Hispanic-American Heritage Month

Elida Reyna

(Presented by the USAG Stuttgart EO Office, Directorate of MWR, & Armed Forces Entertainment)

September 8 – 8:30 p.m.

Patch Barracks Husky Field
(During the 24-Hour Marathon & Music Fest)



Additional Hispanic-American Heritage Events

September 21 – 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sgt. Maj. Caraballo of U.S. Army Europe speaks in the Patch Dining Facility

October 12 – 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lt. Col. Anthony of U.S. European Command speaks in the Panzer Kaserne Dining Facility

For more information call the USAG Stuttgart EO Office at 421-2892/civ. 0711-729-2892